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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 2: POST-SHIPMENT END-USE CHECK  
ON LICENSE 050177781

REF: 07 BELMOPAN 275

¶1. (U) This is an Action Request. See paragraph 4.

¶2. (U) The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a post-shipment check on licenses 050177781 for the export of firearms to Belize. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 45 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. (SBU) Reason for Request: Victor L. Bryant submitted a Belizean export certificate with the supporting documentation for 2007 export license application, implying that the company intended to re-export the defense articles without proper authorization from the Department. When asked by Post to produce the documentation submitted for that license application, the company claimed it did not have copies of the paperwork (REFTEL). In a license application submitted in August 2009, Victor L. Bryant submitted a Belizean export certificate with the word "export" crossed out and replaced by the handwritten word "import" (NOTE: That license was not/not approved). This check is to verify the authenticity of the import certificate provided for license 050177781 and to verify that the ultimate end-users of these firearms are within the borders of Belize.

¶4. (U) Action Request: Post is requested to make inquiries to the import authority of Belize to determine if the import certificate for this license is authentic. Post is also requested to review Victor L. Bryant's records to verify that these firearms were sold to customers in Belize. Finally, Post is requested to make inquiries with appropriate law enforcement officials to establish the bona fides of Victor L. Bryant. The following points are included for guidance:

(To Victor L. Bryant)

--What are your annual sales of U.S.-origin firearms and ammunition?

--Do you sell firearms or ammunition to customers that reside outside Belize?

--Please provide documentation for all sales of these firearms, including the name and addresses for the ultimate end-users.

--Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer or re-export?

(To Appropriate Import/Export and/or Law Enforcement Authorities)

--Is Victor L. Bryant properly authorized to import and sell firearms and ammunition in Belize?

--Did the Ministry of Home Affairs issue an Import Certificate to Victor L. Bryant on 27 May 2009 for ten (10) 9mm pistols, five (5) .380 caliber pistols, and five (5) .38 special revolvers? If so, please provide a copy.

--Did the Ministry of National Security & Immigration issue an Export (or Import) Certificate to Victor L. Bryant on 27 May 2009 for several thousand rounds of ammunition? If so, please provide a copy.

--Do you have any information on Victor L. Bryant that would question their reliability as a recipient of U.S. defense articles?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

¶5. (U) Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050177781

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

5 P Series 9mm Pistols

5 SR9 Series 9mm Pistols

2 LCR Double Action Revolvers, .38 Caliber

5 LCP Semi Auto Pistols, .380 Caliber

License Value: USD \$4,515

SELLER:

Sturm, Ruger & Company  
1 Lacey Place  
Southport, CT 06890

FOREIGN END-USER:

Victor L. Bryant & Co.  
#93 Freetown Road  
Belize City, Belize

OR

600 Northern Road  
Belize City, Belize  
(Address as listed on Import Certificate)  
Tel: 2244407 / 2230025

PURPOSE:

For commercial resale in Belize

¶6. (U) Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

Signed DSP-83 Nontransfer and Use Certificate signed by Kimberly Pritula (Sturm, Ruger) dated 06/30/2009 and Phillip Gallaty, Jr. dated 15 June 2009

Import Certificate issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs signed by the Commissioner of Police (Signature Illegible) and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security and Immigration (Signature Illegible) dated 27 May 2009

Purchase Order issued by Victor L. Bryant dated 15 June 2009 signed by Phillip Gallaty, Jr.

¶7. (U) Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file on Intellipedia: [http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Blue\\_Lantern\\_End-Use\\_Monitoring\\_Program](http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Blue_Lantern_End-Use_Monitoring_Program)

¶8. (U) Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.

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